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AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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SUBJECT: DEA SPACE AND ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

CARACAS FOR DEA

1. THE DEA DECISION NOT TO MOVE ITS OFFICES TO THE
SPACE IN THE BAVARIA BUILDING, WHICH I HAVE NOW
ACCEPTED, CHANGED THE GROUND RULES UNDER WHICH I
HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO AN EXPANSION IN DEA PERSONNEL.
THE PRESENT QUARTERS CAN PHYSICALLY SIMPLY NOT
ACCOMMODATE ALL THE PERSONNEL EXPANSION PREVIOUSLY
REQUESTED.

2. RDD BACHRACH AND I HAVE AGREED TO THE ASSIGNMENT
OF ONE ADDITIONAL AGENT, WHO I UNDERSTAND WILL BE
MR JOHN MCFARLAND AND A LOCAL HIRE AMERICAN SECRETARY,
AND WHO CAN BE ACCOMMODATED IN VERY CRAMPED QUARTERS
WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS OF EXISTING SPACE. BEYOND
THAT NO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL CAN BE ACCOMMODATED
OR WILL BE APPROVED. THIS MEANS ESSENTIALLY THAT I
DO NOT APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT OF MR THOMAS BRIGGS
AS INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS AGENT AS HAD BEEN
PROPOSED IN DEA COMMUNICATION TO CARACAS
REGIONAL OFFICE (CON-IGI-74-0348-2). MR BACHRACH
ACCEPTS THIS. HE HAS INDICATED HE MAY PROPOSE
ACCEPTANCE OF AN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS AGENT AT
A LATER DATE. I HAVE TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD CONSIDER
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ANY NEW PROPOSAL ON ITS MERITS AT THAT TIME IN THE

LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES THEN EXISTING.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SLOT THE RECORD SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT WHAT I HAD ORIGINALLY APPROVED WAS THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN INTELLIGENCE ANALYST, WHICH IS WHAT THE RECORD WILL SHOW WAS PROPOSED TO ME. THE FIRST INDICATION I HAD THAT WHAT WAS INTENDED WAS OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL WAS CONTAINED IN THE AFOREMENTIONED DEA COMMUNICATION. THIS WAS THEREFORE A NEW PROPOSAL AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED. I HAD NEVER OFFICIALLY RESPONDED TO THAT PROPOSAL. THREFORE THE GOC WAS NEVER BROACHED AND HAS ITSELF NEVER APPROVED THE ADDITION TO THE MISSION STAFF OF AN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS AGENT.

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